

MINUTES
UTAH
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
LICENSING BOARD
MEETING

April 27, 2004

Room 428 – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building

CONVENED: 9:00 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 11:55 A.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Debra Hendren
Karen McCall

Board Members Present:

Nancy J. Johns
Noni Smith
M. Carol O'Meara
Barbara Hambley
Vacant Position

Guests:

Craig Jackson, Division Director
Ray Walker, Division Regulation & Compliance
Officer
Kathy Bruner, Utah OT Association Representative

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Introduction of Debra Hendren as current
Bureau Manager

Mr. Jackson introduced Ms. Hendren. **Board
members welcomed Ms. Hendren.**

Swearing in of Noni Smith as a Board Member

Mr. Jackson conducted the swearing in of Ms. Smith.
Board members welcomed Ms. Smith to the board.

Read and approve the July 15, 2003 minutes.

Ms. O'Meara made a motion to approve the minutes
with a minor revision. Ms. Smith seconded the
motion. **The board vote was unanimous.**

PENDING BUSINESS:

Ms. Hendren Reported on OT's conducting
Dysphasia Therapy and Modified Barium

Ms. Johns clarified the issue of possible conflict with
the radiology licensees for occupational therapists to

Swallow Treatments

perform the procedure. Mr. Walker stated that licensees are bound by their scope of practice as long as they are not moving into another licensing area. Ms. Hendren reported there is no conflict with radiology as long as the occupational therapist performs the procedure with the standard guidelines of procedures. **The board noted the information.**

Update on the Occupational Therapy Sunset and Sunrise

Mr. Walker stated that the sunset review is for 2005. Mr. Walker then explained there is a sunrise committee who review the occupations and professions and request testimony from the division as well as the associations to determine if the occupations and professions should go to sunrise or be deregulated. Mr. Walker commented that typically the committee notifies the division when the occupations and professions are put on the agenda. The division then contacts the board chair and the association to attend the committee meeting to respond to the committee. Mr. Walker stated the sunrise for occupations and professions is typically a 10 year period.

Board members requested notification for the board and association when the division is contacted for the sunset/sunrise review.

Ms. Hendren Discussed Renewing Licenses of OT's not Currently Practicing

Ms. Johns discussed the issue of continued competence and continuing education. Currently Utah has no continued competence nor continuing education requirements. Ms. Johns stated the lack of both is a concern to licensees.

Mr. Walker recommended licensees and the association discuss the issues and make recommendations for changes in the statute for the legislative session as the specific occupational therapy law does not provide for rules to address continued competency or continuing education. Mr. Walker requested the proposed language be submitted to the division for review as the division would need language we are able to administer.

The board and Ms. Bruner, association representative, discussed requiring current NBCOT or NBCOTA certification to renew licenses.

Mr. Walker stated it would require a change in the

law.

Ms. Smith responded that NBCOT currently requires CE for renewal of certification and has the random audit. Other board members responded that licensees have submitted notes of support of continuing with the NBCOT and NBCOTA requirements only.

Ms. O'Meara recommended the board continue with NBCOT and NBCOTA renewal guidelines for CE at this time. Ms. Hambley seconded the motion. The board vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

9:30 A.M.

Kimberly Smith, Experior, Review of Law and Rule Examination

Ms. Smith met to review the Utah Law and Rule examination questions with the board.

Closure of Meeting

Ms. O'Meara made a motion to close the meeting for the examination review. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The board vote was unanimous. The meeting was closed for the board to review the examination questions and answers to preserve the integrity of the examination.

Reopen Meeting

Ms. Smith made a motion to reopen the meeting. Ms. Hambley seconded the motion. The board vote was unanimous. The meeting was reopened to the public upon completion of the examination review.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NBCOT Correspondence

The board reviewed the following NBCOT correspondence:

1. Fall 2003 Report to the Profession Newsletter. **No action taken.**
2. State Regulatory Liaison to the Certification Examination Development Committee – 2004.
3. Certification Update. **No action taken.**
4. Notification of Appointment of Margaret Bent as Director of Competency Development Activities. **No action taken.**
5. National Organization for Competency Assurance Accredits NBCOT's Certification

- Programs. **No action taken.**
6. Final Rule on Healthcare Professional Seeking Occupational Visas. **No action taken.**
 7. Lifetime Certification. **No action taken.**
 8. Examination Information and Handbook. **No action taken.**
 9. April 23-24, 2004 Conference Information. **Ms. Johns recommended a board member attend the conferences as there is very good information distributed. Board members concurred.**
 10. Information regarding a Decline in OTR and COTA Certification. **No action taken.**
 11. Plans to Present Results of 2003 Practice analysis Study to OT Educators. **No action taken.**
 12. Spring 2004 Report to the Profession Newsletter. **No action taken.**

AOTA Correspondence

The board reviewed the following AOTA correspondence:

1. July 2003, October 2003 Issue and January 2004 Issue State Affairs Newsletters. **No action taken.**
2. The American Journal of Occupational Therapy. **No action taken**
3. AOTA Professional Development Tool (PDT). **No action taken.**
4. Approved Provider Program for CE. **No action taken.**
5. Model CE and ACOTE Standards for Accreditation. **No action taken.**
6. Definition of OT Practice for the AOTA Model Practice Act. **No action taken.**
7. State Affairs Group Newsletter. **No action taken.**

Information regarding the Applied Ergonomics Conference

The board reviewed the information. **No action taken.**

Red Leaf Institute CE Information

The board reviewed the information. **No action taken.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Chairperson

Ms. Hambly nominated Ms. O'Meara to serve as chairperson. **Ms. O'Meara declined the nomination.**

Ms. Johns recommended Ms. Hambly serve as board chair until the next meeting. Possibly another board member will then serve as chair. Ms. O'Meara seconded the recommendation. **The board vote was unanimous.**

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:

November 30, 2004

MEETING ADJOURNED AT:

11:55 A.M.

Date Approved

Chairperson, Utah Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing